

who has made the most outstanding contribution to Florida. Dr. Humphries has tirelessly committed his time and energy to promoting the interests of FAMU and making the school and its community what it is today.

Black History Month is a time to celebrate the achievements of African-Americans. Today, in honor of Black History Month, I hope that the citizens of North Florida will take a moment to recognize the work that FAMU and Dr. Humphries have done to make high-quality higher education available to the nation's African-American students.

In addition, I would like to encourage my constituents to take time to participate in Black History Month. Last month, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, I took part in several programs throughout North Florida to commemorate the legacy of Dr. King. I found these events to be a wonderful way to learn more about the history of our nation's African-American leaders, and also an opportunity to come together with other community members to share in celebration. I greatly enjoyed attending both FAMU and Florida State University's events honoring Dr. King and participating in Jackson County's Day of Service, among other events. I hope that the people of North Florida will use Black History Month as a chance to learn more about the great role that African-Americans play in every facet of our human society; for when we recognize the contributions of each individual to the whole, we can unify to build a more perfect America.

THE BROOKLYN IRISH-AMERICAN PARADE

HON. CHARLES E. SCHUMER

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Mr. SCHUMER. Mr. Speaker, I submit the following: Whereas, The Brooklyn Irish American Parade Committee's organization and purpose is to honor the cultural, educational and historical contributions and accomplishments of the Irish to their community, borough, city, state and nation; and

Whereas, This parade encourages a knowledge and appreciation of an ancient Irish heritage; and

Whereas, This annual event is a celebration of Brooklyn's cultural diversity and richness; and

Whereas, This parade takes place in historic Park Slope on the hallowed ground of the Battle of Brooklyn and commemorates the Marylanders, Irish Freedom Fighters and Americans of other ethnic backgrounds who gave their lives to secure independence for our America; and

Whereas, The Spirit of '76 was, and still is, the ideal of the Brooklyn Irish American Parade; and

Whereas, This year's parade is dedicated to the memory of Patrick Heaney, Drum Major of the Clann Eireann Pipe Band of Brooklyn, for over forty years, and who was a loyal supporter of the Committee; and

Whereas, This year's Parade Theme is the bicentennial of the "Rebellion of 1798" when 100,000 Irish men, women and children, with inspiration from the American Revolution, rose up with bare hands and pitch forks to overthrow British occupation and oppression; and

Whereas, This year the Parade continues the memorialization of the Great Famine (1845–1850), when hunger and starvation devastated Ireland and its people with estimates of a million and a half who perished in Ireland, on coffin ships and in the fever sheds; and

Whereas, The memory of the victims and survivors of when Ireland starved is sacred and never to be forgotten; and

Whereas, "The Great Famine" brought one million of Erin's sons and daughters to the port of New York; and

Whereas, It is only fitting that this year's Grand Marshal is William W. Whelan, President of New York City Fire Department Emerald Society and Chairman of the Great Hunger Memorial to be erected at Battery Park, New York in memory of the victims and survivors of "AN GORTA MOR", now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to commend the Brooklyn Irish American Parade Committee on its twenty third Annual Parade to be held on Sunday March 15, 1998; its Grand Marshal, William W. Whelan, and his Aides, Sister Elizabeth Hill, President of St. Joseph's College and Educator; Richie O'Shea, Band Leader representing Irish Culture; James Buckley representing Irish Business, Buckleys of Flatbush and Kennedys of Breezy Point; Frank Carroll, President of the United Irish Counties of New York; Mildred Kane representing Kings County Ladies A.O.H.; Michael Fitzgerald, President of Brooklyn's Shamrocks Gaelic Sports Club; Alfred F. Donohue, Kings County A.O.H.; Special Parade Honoree: Heinz M. Popp, President of Bay Ridge Car World and 1998 Benefactor to the Irish Community of New York; Parade Chairperson, Kathleen McDonagh; Dance Chairperson, Mary McMullan; Journal Chairperson, James McDonagh; Raffle Chairperson, Helen O'Shea; Parade Officers, Members and all the citizens of Brooklyn, participating in this important and memorable event; and be it further

Resolved, That copies of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to William W. Whelan, his Aides and the Brooklyn Irish American Parade Committee in Brooklyn.

CONGRATULATIONS TO UNITED STATES WOMEN'S GOLD MEDAL HOCKEY TEAM

HON. BARBARA B. KENNELLY

OF CONNECTICUT

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Mrs. KENNELLY of Connecticut. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask my colleagues to join with me in recognizing the incredible achievement of the United States Gold Medal Women's Hockey Team. I am particularly proud that Gretchen Ulion of Connecticut's First District played as a member of this team. Gretchen is an accomplished hockey player, having played on three United States Women's National Teams. Gretchen also left a legacy of records at Dartmouth College. She excelled while playing for the Big Green, setting 11 Dartmouth and 4 Ivy League records. She is also a hero off the ice. Prior to the Olympic games, Gretchen taught high school math and history at the Pingree school in Massachusetts. She plans to continue teaching in the fu-

ture. Gretchen is joined on the team by two other members with Connecticut roots: Sue Merz from Greenwich and Angela Ruggiero who is presently attending Choate Rosemary Hall in Wallingford.

The Women's Gold Medal in hockey is a great step forward for women and marks their contribution to athletics. The women's team's brilliant play showed not only their talent but their love of the sport. The team showed that a desire to prove themselves and earn respect for their game could lead to success. Women athletes prevailed in the 1998 Winter Olympics, winning eight of the thirteen medals earned by the United States. As Cammi Granato (captain of the 1998 United States Women's Olympic Hockey Team) carried the flag in the closing ceremonies, she became a symbol of the ideals that we cherish so deeply for our youth: heart, dedication, and unity, the kind of ideals that we now find in women athletes like Connecticut's Gretchen Ulion.

This Gold Medal, earned by the United States in the first-ever full medal Women's Olympic Hockey competition is a sign of things to come. As Jack Edwards of ESPN Sports Zone remarked, "They brought home the glittering gold. They'll have the rest of their lives to savor its aura."

THE PASSING OF PATRICK J. CAMPBELL

HON. BENJAMIN A. GILMAN

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 24, 1998

Mr. GILMAN. Mr. Speaker, it is with deep regret that I inform our colleagues of the passing of one of the outstanding labor leaders in our nation, an individual whose footsteps will be difficult to fill.

Patrick J. Campbell is one of the few last members of a generation that truly knew the meaning of the word hardship. He is one of the last who learned at an early age that hard work is the path not just to success, but to survival.

Pat was born in New York City on July 22, 1918, and was orphaned six years later. This was an era when child welfare and social services were limited, so Pat went to work at a tender, young age. And work he did: shining shoes, hawking newspapers, and working in a candy-making factory.

At the age of 20, Pat moved to Rockland County, New York, in what is now my Congressional District. He became an employee at the Rockland State Hospital, but three years later his career was nipped in the bud with the dropping of enemy bombs on Pearl Harbor. Pat, at the age of 23, enlisted in the Army Air Force, and was one of the many of us who saw action in the South Pacific.

Soon after he returned to Rockland County, after a distinguished career of heroism in the service throughout World War Two, Pat signed up as an apprentice in Local Union #964, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners. Someone with Pat's talents, drive, and determination to work was not going to be kept down for long. He quickly moved up the ladder: to journeyman, to carpenter, foreman, general construction foreman, superintendent, and, finally, he was elected President of Local Union #964 in 1954.